

**Saturday, FEBRUARY 1, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. - Dr. Richard S. Ostfeld**

The Tuxedo Park Garden Club, Tuxedo Park Library, and the Village will co-host a presentation by Dr. Richard S. Ostfeld, Senior Scientist at the Cary Institute (located in Millbrook NY). Dr. Ostfeld is recognized as a leader in the study of the ecology of Lyme Disease. He has written an excellent book describing the relationship of this disease to biodiversity in the environment. Fortunately, he is a scientist who can present scientific jargon in plain English. He will talk about environmental factors that impact Lyme Disease risk, how it makes us sick, and why it is spreading. He will also present his thesis that this is a model for the relationship between infectious disease and the environment. I encourage everyone to attend this presentation on February 1<sup>st</sup>. I expect that many of the principles he espouses will be incorporated into our approach to the watershed. I will post the venue when it is confirmed.

Thank you in advance to the Garden Club and Library for partnering with us in arranging Dr. Ostfeld's presentation.

**Thursday, FEBRUARY 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. – Presentation on Lakes Management and Watershed**

Back in 2007, two Mayors and two administrations ago, the first comprehensive lakes' study was contemplated. Portions of the recommended study were approved and undertaken in 2008 under Mayor Stebbins, and a lakes management plan for our three lake system was presented in 2009.

Since that time: changes in administrations, Tuxedo Park's ongoing participation in lakes' studies, the potential Town "Mulch Pile" impact on our watershed and water quality, the appearance of invasive aquatic species in our lakes and in the landscape, two years' worth of significant weather events, significant construction activities around the lakes, growing concern about invasive plant species in our landscape and impact of deer browse on the forest understory, reappearance of many geese -- it is time to sit back and review where we stand vis-à-vis our lakes and the watershed.

The previous Board, under Mayor Wilson, directed TP's lake consultants, Allied Biological, to review all of the previous studies and data, evaluate the work on lakes management to date, and make a presentation to the BOT. This meeting will take place on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> as a special meeting of the BOT. I encourage everyone to attend. This should be a wonderful education for us all, and serve as the basis for our lakes and watershed planning going forward.